

June 15, 2009 - Special Town Council Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, June 15, 2009 at 6:04 P.M.

Council President Christopher T. Semonelli, Presiding

Vice Chairman Richard Cambra

Councillor Frank A. Bozyan

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

Councillor Robert J. Sylvia, Absent

POSTED – June 10, 2009

Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown

Town Hall – 350 East Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2., 42-46-4. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following item of business:

6:00 PM – Greene Lane Park Concept and matters related there to

6:30 PM – Honor Ceremony – Middletown Police Department

Said meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

Christopher T. Semonelli,

President

Middletown Town Council

CC:

Town Council
Public Library
Finance Director

Town Administrator
Town Solicitor
Town Planner

This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.

6:00 PM – Greene Lane Park Concept and matters related there to

Town Administrator Shawn Brown addressed the Council noting that Tina Dolen, representing the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission and Joe Dias, representing the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management would be addressing the Council on the Greene Lane Park Concept project which will be on Burma Road at Greene Lane. Mr. Brown explained past Councils have endorsed the project; if this Council continues to support the project, a letter will be sent to RIDEM indicating Council support to proceed.

Tina Dolen, representing the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission, addressed the Council explaining the Greene Lane Park concept is based on the recommendation contained in the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission West Side Master Plan. Ms. Dolen noted the overall long-range recreational opportunities that could be provide at the Green Lane Park:

Park-like setting and access to the water

Kayak launch

Parking area for the public

Composting restroom facility

Fishing Pier ADA Accessible

Boat Ramp ADA Accessible

Joe Dias, representing RIDEM addressed the Council explaining the proposal before the Council is to pursue development of fishing pier and possible boat ramp. Mr. Dias reviewed the following:

RIDEM has the opportunity to provide new recreational waterfront amenities for Middletown, but will only proceed with a green light from Middletown community and Council;

RIDEM will contract for a 30% design plan to construct a fishing pier at Greene Lane, providing the community and Council are in favor of such an amenity;

RIDEM will also explore, based on the direction provided by Middletown, designs for a boat ramp and kayak launch;

RIDEM envisions the ability to construct these amenities at no cost to the town, although Middletown will have to assume ownership and

maintenance of the facilities; and,

Projected time line for the project.

It was the consensus of the Council to support the Greene Lane Park Concept.

Dennis Zambretta, Newport, representing Newport County Salt Water Fishing Club addressed the Council noting support for the project.

Carol Porter, 12 JH Dwyer, noted that she does not support the project expressing concern with people night fishing, parking and the area being monitored.

There was a brief recess at 6:20 PM

6:30 PM – Honor Ceremony – Middletown Police Department

Police Chief Anthony Pesare introduced Lt. Frank J. Kluth, recently retired. He announced the promotions of the following Middletown Police Department members: Sergeant David Bissonnette to the rank of Lieutenant, Officer Frank J. Lema to rank of Sergeant, and Probationary Police Officer Scott C. Naso, all sworn in by the Town Clerk and pinned by family members. Mr. Pesare introduced Officer Lisa Silveira, Sergeant Alan Garcia and Officer Joanne Alboum receiving the Middletown Police Department Exceptional Duty Medal, recognized Providence Police Officer Joseph Hanley. Mr. Pesare introduced Henry Mott, Francis Gutierrez and recognized Mr. Medeiros, who was unable to attend the ceremony, who received the Middletown Police Department Civilian Award.

On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk

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